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We have Vatican support, says Meloto

By Beverly T. Natividad

AFTER THE SPLIT INTO TWO FACTIONS OF the lay movement Couples for Christ (CFC), one side now claims to have the official recognition of the Church hierarchy.

Commenting on the split in an interview over dzBB yesterday, Antonio Meloto, who was the head of the CFC's highly successful

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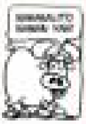
Now, AFP says there are 2 Delfin de Guzmans

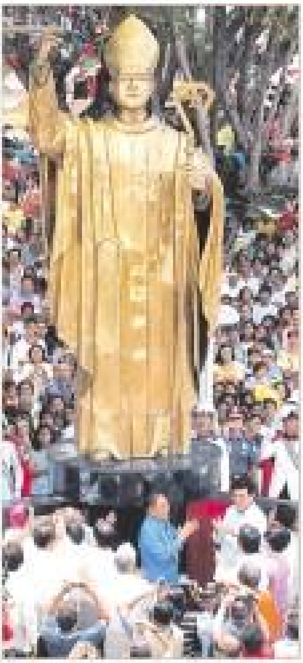
By Christine O. Avendaño

WILL THE REAL DELFIN de Guzman please stand up?

The military yesterday denied a cover-up in the Jonas Burgos

AFP/A10





FAVORITE SON COMES HOME FOR GOOD The whole town of New Washington, Aklan, turns out for the unveiling of the 20-foot statue of the late Jaime Cardinal Sin on his 79th birthday on Friday. His hometown welcomes him by ... with bells ringing, fireworks ... and bands playing. At the foot of the statue are Senate President Manny Villar, House Speaker Jose de Venecia, Aklan Rep. Joeben Miraflores, Gov. Carlito Marquez and members of the Sin family. (Related story on Page A10)

Teves: Abalos set meeting with ZTE

The 2 officials give conflicting accounts

By Michelle V. Remo, Nikko Dizon and Rachel M. Dumlao

FINANCE SECRETARY MARGARITO TEVES HAS CONFIRMED that he was introduced to officials of the China-based ZTE Corp. during a meeting with Transportation and Communications Secretary Leandro Mendoza and Commission on Elections Chair Benjamin Abalos.

"Yes, I was with him [Abalos] in a meeting where I was introduced to ZTE people," Teves said in an ambush interview with reporters yesterday.

He said the meeting with ZTE officials talked about the $329-million national broadband network (NBN) project.

In an interview with the Inquirer the other day, Abalos said he and ZTE officials met with Teves at the finance secretary's house in Makaling, Muntinlupa, "one afternoon last year."

But Abalos said the NBN project was never a part of the conversation, nor did he help ZTE to get the deal.

He also told the Inquirer that the ZTE officials were interested in a project for the Davao Special Economic Zone and wanted to meet with government officials who could help them.

Yesterday, Teves said ... that during the meeting with ZTE, Abalos did not talk about a project for the Mindanao economic zone but only about the broadband.

Teves said the discussions at the Abalos-Mendoza-ZTE meeting did not go into details of the proposed NBN project.

Teves also said no lobbying was done with him by Abalos or any other person for the ZTE.

And after that initial introduction to the ZTE officials, he did not have any meetings again concerning the ZTE deal, he said.

TEVES/A17

Senators tell Gonzalez: Take permanent leave

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr., Leila B. Salaverria and Michael Lim Ubac

SENATORS YESTERDAY URGED Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez to make his leave from office permanent after hearing news that the President had "approved" the request of Gonzalez for a one-month sick leave.

"I suggest that he just continue his leave because it will be good for his health," said Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr.

Sen. Jinggoy Estrada was more blunt. "I hope he does not come back anymore, he should just continue his leave," said Estrada. "We have many jobless Filipinos and

SENATORS/A8

Villar, Roxas: Growth means little to jobless

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Michael Lim Ubac

THE SURPRISINGLY HIGH GROWTH posted by the economy in the second quarter might be impressive but means very little to jobless urban dwellers and low-income farmers, senators said yesterday.

Sen. Mar Roxas warned that the record economic growth was bloated by higher consumption driven by the election spending in the second quarter while Senate President Manny Villar questioned whether the President was "tricking" the public into believing the economy was booming.

Even foreign banks are also skeptical of the stronger-than-expected growth of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

"We suspect that growth may be overstated," HSBC Markets (Asia) commented in a note after Thursday's announcement.

VILLAR, ROXAS/A10



A ROYAL AFFAIR President Arroyo is welcomed by Malaysia's royals, the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong and Raja Permaisuri Agong at the Istana Negara. Petronas for high tea, one of the festivities marking the 50th independence day of Malaysia.

Joma ordered held for 2 more weeks; Kenney says US to help prosecute him

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS —A Dutch court Friday ordered Filipino communist rebel leader Jose Ma. Sison held for two more weeks so prosecutors can investigate allegations he ordered the murder of two former allies in Manila, his associates said.

Luis Jalandoni, a leader of the Philippines' National Democratic Front, relayed the court's decision to supporters outside the courtroom after speaking to Sison's defense attorney.

He quoted the lawyer as dismissing the prosecutors' evidence as "ridiculous," but said the judges gave the authorities 14 days before the next hearing.

In Manila, US Ambassador Kristie Kenney said the United States was willing to help the government of The Netherlands to prosecute Sison but stressed that the US assistance would only come if the Dutch government would ask for it.

Sison is reportedly being detained at the Scheveningen Prison

JOMA ORDERED/A8

AFP parades full force in run-up to Erap verdict

By Christine O. Avendaño and Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

THE ARMED FORCES YESTERDAY brought out its combat troops, armored carriers and cannons to show its readiness to meet contingencies in Metro Manila, amid rumors of fresh destabilization plots and possible violence if deposed President Joseph Estrada was convicted in his plunder trial.

With their arms and heavy equipment, over 1,000 members of the AFP National Capital Region Command (NCRCom) and the Philippine Marines demonstrated their readiness during ceremonies held in Fort Bonifacio and Camp Aguinaldo.

Estrada described the planned deployment of troops and police forces around

AFP PARADES/A10

Joma always aware of cops; they were next-door neighbors

By Ernie G. Sarmiento
Chief Photographer

UTRECHT, THE NETHERLANDS—Even in exile, Jose Ma. Sison was always conscious of the presence of the police. They never seemed too far from him.

In fact, the first place he took Inquirer photographer Alex Baluyut and me to was a police station when we dropped in on him last April during our trip to Utrecht, the central Dutch city (pop. 288,000), where he has lived for 20 years.

The station stood a few meters from the headquarters of the National Democratic Front (NDF).

"From here," Sison said, pointing outside the station, "the police can always monitor us just by looking out of their window."

On Tuesday, Dutch police did more than just

JOMA/A4



ASIA'S BEST MAGSAYSAY AWARDEES From left, Jovito Salonga, Philippines, government service; Kim Sun-Tae, Korea, public service; Mahabir Pun, Nepal, community leadership; Tang Xiyang, China, peace and international understanding; Palagummi Sainath, India, journalism, literature and creative communication arts; Chen Guangcheng, China, emergent leadership. A 7th awardee (for emergent leadership) was unable to attend as he's in jail for his "campaign for exposing local officials' violations of China's one-child policy."

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WEATHER FORECAST

Tito, Vic, Joey offer expertise in probe

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

THE COMEDY TRIO TITO, VIC AND JOEY IS KEEN ON BRINGING their street smarts to the Senate that is looking into the "Hello Pepi" scandal of their rival show.

The hosts of "Eat Bulaga," the country's longest running television program, said they were willing to appear before the Senate to provide "key inputs" on how to run a scam-proof game on television.

Senators Mar Roxas (chair of the committee on trade and commerce), Ramon Revilla Jr. (chair of the committee on information and mass media), and Lito Lapid (chair of the committee on games and amusement) have expressed interest in looking into the scandal.

Roxas has already asked the Department of Trade and Industry to explain why they have failed to monitor these TV show contests to protect the interest of TV viewers.

Roxas said the TV games were clearly part of the coverage of DTI, which was still studying complaints against the show, because the TV viewers were like consumers that should be protected from being duped.

Experience

Former Sen. Tito Sotto III said he and his TVJ partners—Vic Sotto and Joey de Leon—could help senators on the mechanics of TV games with close to 30 years experience in hosting and crafting novelty games on television ("Eat Bulaga" started airing in 1979).

"We're ready to volunteer our expertise on how to host a TV game and how to ensure the integrity of these contests. We will tell them how these are run so that the host would not make a mistake," said Sotto, a one-time senator who lost in his attempt to return to the Senate last May.

The Senate is looking into the mounting verbal complaints on "Wowowee" host Willie Revillame who was caught fumbling in revealing where the jackpot number "2" in the show's "Willyonaryo" portion was placed.

Revillame claimed that he has nothing to explain because there have been no more players while Wowowee's producer, ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp., has dismissed the incident as an honest mistake.

But Sotto said it was "too much a stretch" for ABS-CBN to claim that because the video footage clearly showed that Revillame had control of what number to show.

Mistake

"Everybody can see the irregularity. You cannot afford to make a mistake here and you cannot put two numbers in one box," said Sotto, who noted that this incident has never happened in their show.

"Willyonaryo" is a rip-off of the "Laban o Bawi" portion of "Eat Bulaga" where a contestant is asked to arrange seven boxes [containing six zeroes and a single one] to form the jackpot prize of P1 million.

"There might have been one instance where we prematurely opened the jackpot number but never have we placed two numbers in one box," said Sotto.



PROBING WOWOWEE
Sen. Mar Roxas, chair of the Senate committee on trade and commerce, receives the request of Bayani Santos, spokesperson of Tanglaw ng Bayan, to investigate alleged irregularities in the controversial noontime show "Wowowee."

Defense chief shrugs off 'Hello Garci'

By Christine O. Avendaño

THE REVIVAL of the "Hello Garci" controversy in the Senate was not a matter of interest to Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. who yesterday said he was focused on the country's security situation.

The Senate investigation into the alleged election fraud scandal in the 2004 presidential elections was "beyond the province of my department," Teodoro told reporters who asked him about his position on the Senate probe.

When informed by reporters that the scandal allegedly involved military wiretapping activities, he shot back: "I will react properly if and when it comes to my table."

"I will not advise anybody at this point in time until it reaches me. I'm focused on a lot of security situation, and to distract focus on that would be very unwise at this point in time," Teodoro said.

Asked whether he was interested to know if the military, particularly the intelligence service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, was engaged in wiretapping, the defense chief said this was an "operational matter and not a policy matter for me."

Teodoro was a member of the House (representing Tarlac) during the scandal that almost brought down the administration of President Gloria [illegible] in 2005.

The Senate has designated three committees to reopen the investigation of alleged wiretapped conversations between the President and Elections Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano. The two were said to be discussing rigging the 2004 presidential polls, a charge denied by Ms Arroyo and Garcillano.

The Senate has reopened the investigation after opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson presented a video testimony from former Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp) agent T/Sgt. Vidal Doble who admitted that he had bugged Ms Arroyo and Garcillano.

MORE 'WALIS TINGTING' CASES

Joey Marquez wants 8 other graft raps junked

By Jocelyn R. Uy

Same respondents

50 years in jail



MARQUEZ: Guilty

Corrections

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE FRONT

'Komiks' for soldiers in combat vs bandits

By Jerry E. Esplanada

5 new titles

Instructional aid

Push for 'hudhud'

Heritage of humanity



Troops to pursue Abu Sayyaf despite Ramadan

Puno says no to relief of Bulacan police chief

TREES FOR LIFE

'Ramons' in uniform get their hands dirty

Road to immortality

Green spot

Giving life back

The Ramons

Quiet please: Bar exams ongoing

By Leila B. Salaverria

HIGH COST OF POWER

Solon delivers children's story as privilege speech

By Norman Bordadora

Policemen

Open access

Price manipulation

Great idea

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PCGG sees compromise deal on P130-B coco levy

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Joma ordered held for 2 more weeks by Dutch court



RALLY BEHIND JOMA.

Consular help

'Case weak'

Same testimony

10,000 miles away

Joma always aware of cops; they were next-door neighbors

'Financing a terrorist'

A rebel for a guide

Moments with Ara



JOSE MA. SISON

Thoughts of home

Assassination target

Charges never die

Farewell handshakes

Senators tell Gonzalez: Take permanent leave



Forex reserves, BOP surplus seen hitting records

Merkel world's most powerful woman: GMA No. 51 on list

In slums, 'economy is better for those with money'

Cheap manpower

Villar, Roxas: Growth means little to jobless



BASKING IN THE GLOW of 7.5% GDP growth, President Arroyo mingles with the Filipino community in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday and tells OFWs that soon they need not go abroad to get jobs.

Jobless growth

Manufacturing, flat growth

2 disturbing figures

Diehard critics

Glowing remarks in Malaysia

Not too many 'buggers,' please

CONFERENCE FOR THE CHILD

Oprah can't make it, but 500 others will

Busiest time

Dole: Hard times keep kids working

By Jerome Aning

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Bayani Fernando and the urban poor

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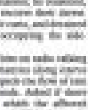


Randy David

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Progress, the GSIS way

GET REAL



Solita Collas-Monsod

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Study and avoid repeat of Mindanao mistakes

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ZTE officials see Abalos as a very powerful man

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Rushed and inferior

Golfing tradition

Ban during election campaign

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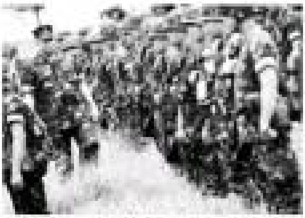
Additional credit

Mentioned NBN in passing

Next step

No bidding required

AFP parades full force in run-up to Erap verdict



INCOMING commandant of the Philippine Marines, Maj. Gen. Ben Dolorfino, inspects Marines Ready Force, Disaster Response Task Units for floods, fires, conflagration, earthquakes and volcanic eruption on Friday at the [illegible] parade grounds in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

From page A1

Metro Manila as a close case of an "overkill and paranoia."

He expressed confidence he would be acquitted of the charges against him.

"If the basis of the decision by the Sandiganbayan would be the evidence and testimony presented by the defense, it's 100 percent I will be acquitted," Estrada said in an interview aired over radio dzXTAM in Quezon City.

He added: "If the decision would not be tainted with political color, I'm very sure that I will be acquitted and vindicated."

Estrada, detained in his resthouse in Tanay, Rizal, assailed the government for spreading fears about supposed destabilization plots by his supporters.

Only ducks for company

"There are all lies," he said. "I don't have anybody to talk to here in Tanay except my ducks ... How can I orchestrate destabilization plots?"

Should he be acquitted, Estrada said he would no longer contest the legitimacy of President Macapagal-Arroyo's administration.

"I don't want further trouble," he said.

The AFP and the Philippine National Police have been placed on alert ahead of the Sandiganbayan verdict.

"We are now ready for any contingency that may happen. The objective is to maintain peace, order and stability in the NCR," new Marine commandant Maj. Gen. Ben Dolorfino said after yesterday's military show of force.

Worst-case scenario

Dolorfino, who was the AFP NCRCom chief before he assumed command of Marines, has said the worst-case scenario that could happen after the Sandiganbayan issues its verdict on the Estrada case would be a repeat of the May 1, 2001 attack by mobs of Estrada supporters on Malacañang.

Dolorfino and the troops had been planning and preparing for over a month for contingencies like civil disturbances, destabilization attempts and natural disasters.

Inspection

At Camp Aguinaldo, AFP Vice Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. [illegible] and Dolorfino inspected helicopters, armored personnel carriers, 4 by 4 military trucks and the NCRCom troops.

At Fort Bonifacio, Dolorfino inspected not only troops and their armor but also ambulances and communication vans.

Dolorfino said that [illegible] soldiers would be deployed for [illegible] operations at the promulgation of the Estrada verdict, which is expected to happen [illegible] in the next two weeks.

These soldiers will be deployed at the Sandiganbayan office in Quezon City and in Malacañang, he said.

'Be Marines again'

In a speech, Dolorfino urged his troops to remain apolitical.

He also took a dig at Marines who may be planning to destabilize the government, asking them instead "to come home and be true Marines again."

Dolorfino, a Muslim convert, told his men "not to be discouraged by the recent [illegible] that beset the Corps, particularly in Basilan."

Twenty-nine Marines were killed in recent clashes with Moro guerrillas and bandits in Basilan, including 10 who were beheaded.

Cracks in armor

Dolorfino acknowledged that the events of Dec. 29, 1989 and Feb. 24-26, 2006—involving coup attempts and plots—"created cracks on the integrity of the Philippine Marine Corps."

"If there are still wayward minds out there, I enjoin you my brothers to come home and be true Marines once again," he said. "Let us be unified by the ideals enshrined in the Marine oath."

He also called on the Marines to respect civil liberties and said the Marine Corps "will never condone extrajudicial actions in dealing with the enemies of the state."

Puno sees no trouble

Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno, who served in the same post under Estrada, said he was in regular contact with the Estrada family.

"I don't know if the (Estrada) is planning anything. He is just waiting for the decision. We need to let the law take its course," Puno told reporters.

He also said he believed there would be no repeat of the 2001 siege of Malacañang by Estrada supporters, much less an attempt to destabilize the Arroyo administration.

Four people were killed while hundreds were wounded when pro-Estrada loyalists tried to storm Malacañang in 2001.

No real danger

"They (Estrada and family) are just hoping and praying for a favorable decision. I don't see plans for any destabilization. I hope there won't be any," said Puno.

He said he was talking with local officials and the PNP to coordinate security plans in anticipation of the verdict in Estrada's trial.

On the reported recruitment of members of the Magdalo group in the Bicol region, Puno said the PNP and the Armed Forces "are on top of this."

"Our job is to make sure these things don't happen. But I don't think there is any real danger. We are more than ready," Puno said.

The police and the military said they would deploy 5,000 policemen and soldiers to serve to meet the anticipated rallies by pro-Estrada forces. *With a report from Alcuin Papa*



EDSA looks like a war zone on Friday when a convoy of armored personnel carriers head to Camp Aguinaldo.

We have Vatican support, says Meloto

For nation building

Other faction

Meloto preempting bishops

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Open to reunification

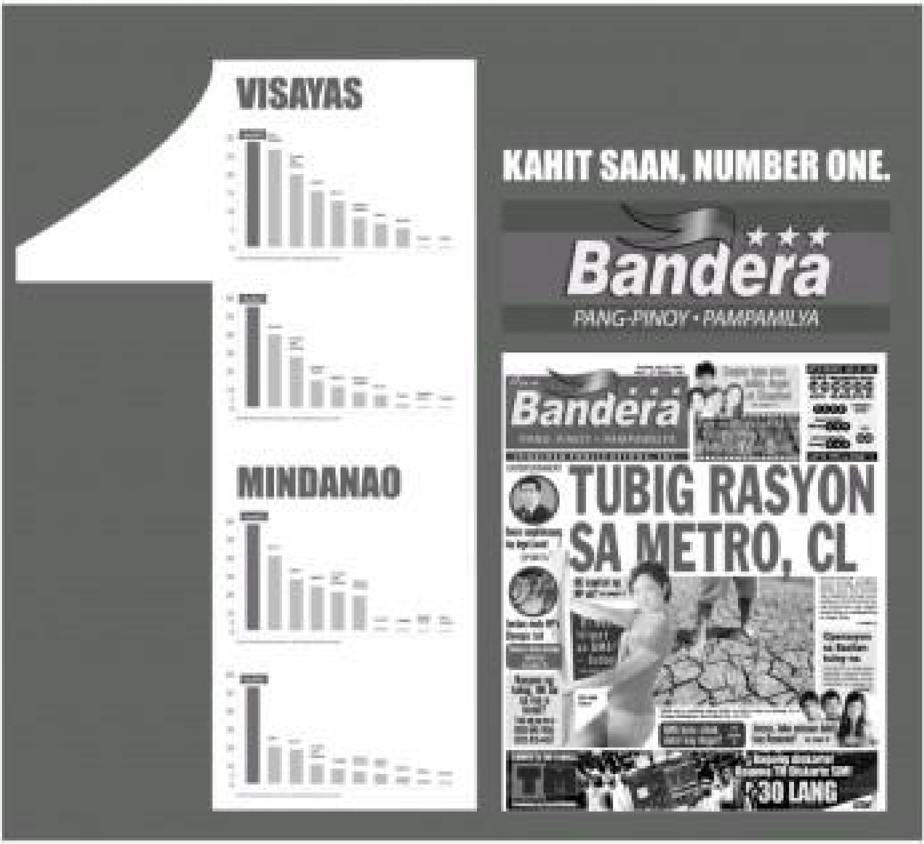
AFP says NPA use similar aliases; there are 2 Delfin de Guzmans

Similar aliases

No cover-up



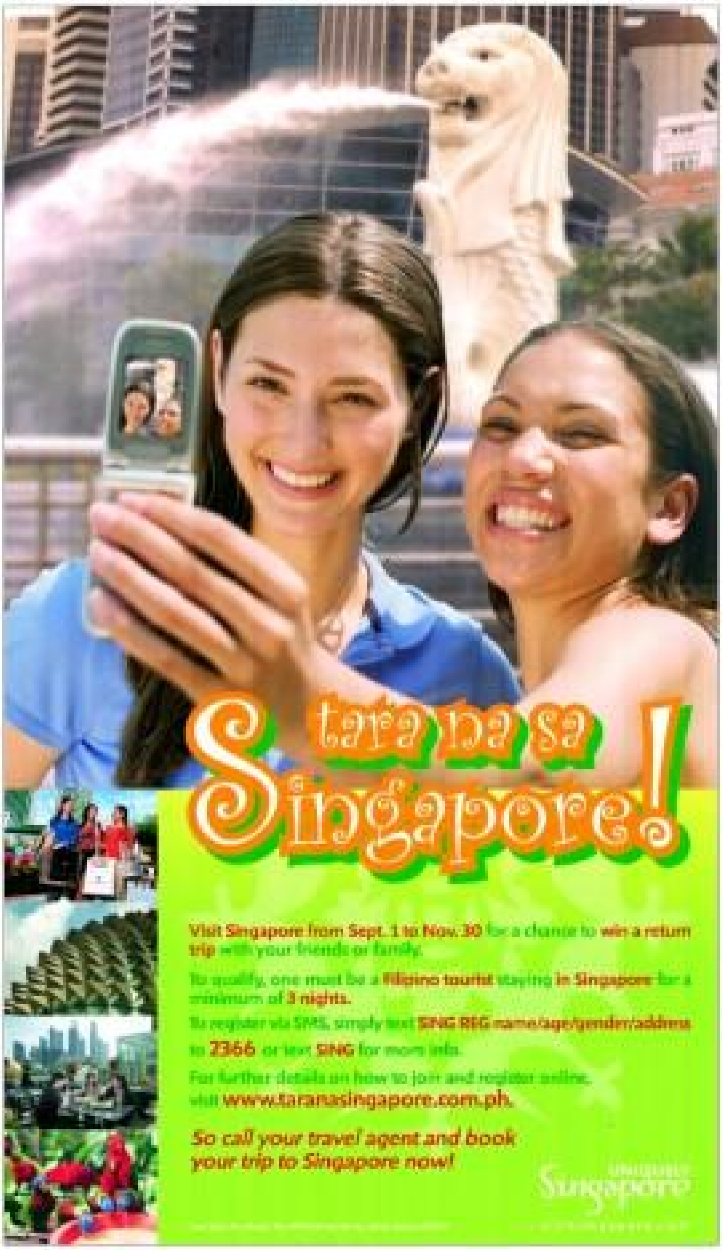
WILL the real De Guzman please stand up?



Across the NATION

GMA urged: Make peace nat'l agenda

COTABATO CITY—THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION Front (MILF) has asked President Macapagal-Arroyo to treat the peace talks as a national agenda.





'Ame' comes home to Aklan

Best dreams

Fiesta

New task force seen vs smuggling of sugar

By Cosla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas



COFFEE GRINDER

Veggie planters seek more accurate data



PUBLIC utility jeeps await passengers in Baguio City. The jeeps are used to transport goods, such as vegetables, from the country's vegetable capital, Benguet.

ROUNDUP

DILG tapped for firetrucks

Cops nab 6 boys in rape

Cafgu trainee found dead

PAF man killed in ambush

UP students walk out

Teacher dies in fall from jeep

Erap group hands over ₱1M to kin of slain Army men

INQUIRER Visayas

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Farmers find sweet success in vinegar



By Vicente S. Labro
Tolosa, Leyte

ELPEDIO Laguna works in his small farm in Tolosa town in Leyte to support his family. But since early this year, he has been preoccupied with his new role as board chair of an organization that runs a coconut vinegar processing plant.



THE TOLOSA Pure Vinegar Processing Plant building in Barangay San Roque, Tolosa, Leyte.

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Bishop steps in as mining row getting violent

Dialogue with the President

Quick action

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Bottom line



Courts urged to use Filipino in proceedings

2 Sayyaf leaders reported dead are alive

Military says 99 NPA rebels turn selves in



Team formed to keep boat rides in Pagsanjan safe





News



Romi Garduce back from latest conquest



GARDUCE looking relaxed upon arrival yesterday.

Historic feat

Surprises

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Aplus METRO

NBI joins probe of alleged hazing victim's death

UP studes hit 'code of silence' in case



THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF Investigation (NBI) will help in investigating the death of suspected hazing victim Cris Anthony Mendez on the request of his family.



Dirty water also means lost revenues, says expert

NBI joins probe of alleged hazing victim's death



Culture of violence among UP frats 'getting worse'

Judge issues search warrants indiscriminately

On Target
Ramon Tulfo



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Payroll robberies

Unpaid electricity, water bills

SM Gawad sa Kapwa drive

The WORLD

Hostage ordeal ends: Last Koreans freed



ALL IN THE FAMILY: LAITA TRIPLETS HERE, ANOTHER SET IN THE HOSPITAL

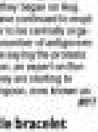
GHAZNI, AFGHANISTAN—TALIBAN INSURGENTS FREED SEVEN remaining South Korean hostages in Afghanistan on Thursday after a six-week kidnap ordeal, following a deal that Afghan officials said included a ransom payment by Seoul.

US Marine tells court he was ordered to execute roomful of Iraqi women, kids

WorldBriefs

Burma protests persist despite arrests

Ex-astronaut allowed to shed ankle bracelet



NOWAK

US senator in sex sting abandoned by fellow GOPs

A CENTURY OF GIL PUYAT

On the 100th year after his birth, we remember the man who minded his private business, swept the senate elections four times—and balanced the national budget.



Gil J. Puyat was born in Manila on the 1st of September, 1907—100 years to this month. In 1979, a year before his death, Senator Gil J. Puyat wrote briefly, in a speech for a testimonial dinner on his 72nd birthday, about the intermingled histories of his career, personal life and his country. His sharp recall of events that took place as early as the 1920's remained untempered by time, and betrayed an unusual attention for detail.

But Puyat's convergent legacies, as pencil-pushing finance man at his private business, and as a hugely popular senator and powerful statesman who worked numbers for the Philippine economy, reveal that a great nation's history lies in the details. He died on March 22, 1981.

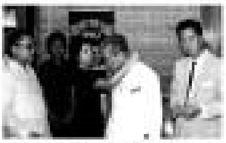
Gil J. Puyat had wanted to be a doctor. But his father, Don Gonzalo Puyat, an industrialist of legendary reputation, saw in his son the potential to follow in his footsteps and one day run the family business—a conglomerate that would span a number of key industries and would be the template for many of today's diversified holding companies.

Ever the dutiful son, young Gil promptly changed course, and thus also the course of our history.

BUSINESSMAN

"I did not feel frustrated when I shifted to business," Gil Puyat would later reflect. "Because, even as a young boy, I saw how much our economy was in the hands of aliens." A budding nationalist, he had found this imbalance hard to accept. So much so, that he would devote his later life to correcting such imbalances whenever there were opportunities to do so. But first, he had to prove his worth as a businessman.

In 1928, shortly after Gil Puyat graduated from college, his father departed for a business trip that would take him around the world. This effectively placed all the responsibilities of Gonzalo Puyat & Sons, regarded as one of the first business empires established in the country, on Gil's shoulders.



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Despite being just 22 years old at the time, young Gil knew that running his father's company meant, at the very least, managing it with the same kind of foresight and fiscal wisdom, and measure of control and discipline that their employees, associates and business partners were used to. Apparently, the young Puyat did a good job. Because upon his father's return, a significant share of the management duties remained with him.

He would have gone on to become a fine industrialist like his father. However fate, it seemed had other, even bigger plans for him.

EDUCATOR

In 1935, Gil J. Puyat was offered the Deanship of the College of Business Administration by UP President Bienvenido Gonzales—an offer that Puyat politely declined because he did not even have a master's degree. He also cited a moral obligation to serve at his father's office and mind his father's businesses.

It took a personal invitation from no less than President Manuel L. Quezon for Puyat to take the position, and with no reasons left to decline, Gil Puyat became Dean of Business at UP at the age of 33—the youngest the University has ever seen.

Education then became his second career, and he took charge of the College of Business as vigorously as he did years before at his father's business, reorganizing the faculty and overhauling the curriculum. Because, as he later said, "Even then, I felt that the College of Business of the University should be the one institution that should provide Filipino leadership in business, finance, industry and the other areas of our economy."



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By 1941 he had become an active advocate for industrialization in the Philippines—a sharp turn for what had always been an agricultural economy. It seemed that there was nothing to stop Puyat from further fueling his dream of a Filipino-run economy for Filipinos. Nothing, that is, except the war.

When Liberation came, after a period of personal soul-searching, he was further galvanized to take the lead. In his own words: "...the time had come to take an active part in leading the Filipino businessmen in shaping the pattern of our economy so that it would be truly Filipino, that the control would reside in Filipino hands."

REFORMIST

Puyat's opportunity to pursue this goal came from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce, then a small business organization, who had approached Puyat after the war and asked him to take over as their president. His first official act was to expand the Chamber's membership roster in a bid to make it more powerful and dynamic.

It was as head of the PCC that Puyat found out that there were five boatloads of surplus construction material sitting in Manila Bay slated to be sold abroad. Immediately, the industrialist and nationalist in him saw a concrete opportunity and an easier beginning for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of a devastated Manila.



Puyat meeting with Paul McNutt in Manila

Puyat appealed to Dr. Jose Reyes, secretary of President Sergio Osmeña, to prevail upon US Commissioner Paul McNutt to reconsider. If any construction was needed to be done it would be right in Manila. His idealism, it became evident, was matched by business savvy as Puyat then organized a syndicate among members of the Chamber of Commerce that would bid for the surplus goods—a bid quickly and easily won, and one that earned Puyat chairmanship of the syndicate.

This pushed the PCC into the center of the postwar buildup. Without benefit of official designation, but with the muscle of the reemerging middle class, the PCC became a real presence and a palpable force, not only among the local government institutions that were simultaneously undergoing rehabilitation, but also to the US Congress, as it deliberated war damage payments to the country.

Firmly entrenched as a prominent and influential pillar of the business world, Puyat continued to work hard to correct the imbalances he had been seen since his youthful days as an economics student. Little did he know that he would be given even more power and opportunities to do so with yet another career change that lay ahead.



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In 1949, Nacionalista Party President Senator Eulogio Rodriguez first approached Puyat and appealed to the young nationalist in him by offering him a candidacy for Senator. While the loss of Jose P. Laurel to Liberal Elpidio Quirino in the Presidential Elections stalled early plans for a political bid, politics—and the Party itself—seemed to be hell-bent in acquiring Puyat, who promptly found himself running in the next elections.

Puyat recalled his first push into politics as full of naive idealism and a growing feeling of self-doubt. He recalled, "At one time during the campaign I came back to Manila and told the President of the Party that I was withdrawing because I felt that my chances to win were nil. I would speak for half an hour on economics and I would get no applause. When the campaign was about to come to a close, all of the newspapers predicted that, at the most, the Nacionalistas would have only three winning candidates."

The rest—and the rest of the things that happened—is history. The Nacionalista Party scored out the 1951 Senatorial Elections, cornering nine positions out of nine, and voters pushed Gil Puyat into a second position on the senatorial slate.

STATESMAN

Politics was to be his third professional career, after business and the academe, and Senator Puyat immediately got down to work. As Chairman of the Committee on Public Works in the early 50's, Puyat introduced, with much opposition even from his own party, a completely overhauled format for the Public Works Bill—one whose beneficial effects on the economy are felt up to now.

But perhaps Puyat's most notable economic achievement as Senator—and the one he was most proud of—came when he was positioned in Finance. The year was 1954, and at this time the country was still under the provisions of the Bell Trade Act of 1946, which inextricably tied the Philippine economy to the US economy, pegging the peso to the dollar, granting US citizens and corporations equal access to natural resources in the Philippines, enforcing free trade and allowing the US full importation of goods without any import duties.



Senate President Gil J. Puyat

Ramon Magsaysay, who by 1953 had become President, appointed Puyat vice-chairman of an economic commission that would travel to Washington to renegotiate the Bell Trade Act. Puyat's economic background proved especially useful: over a period of several months, the commission ironed out the details and worked out a revised economic relationship between the Philippines and the US—the Laurel-Langley agreement, which abolished the United States' authority over the dollar-peso exchange rate and introduced progressive changes in trade relations between the US and the Philippines.

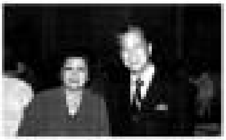
Puyat saw his most important achievement, the Performance Budget Act, as a reflection of his nationalist principles. Indeed, he described it as an instrument that would effect a change in income and wealth distribution. Needless to say, Puyat's achievements as Senator were no less victories for him than they were for his party and the people—a clear manifestation of homegrown business principles that placed importance on people's welfare.

Puyat, of course, proved that principles and popular support were highly compatible, securing the number one spot in the 1957, 1963 and 1969 senatorial races, and becoming Senate President in 1967. By the time Congress was dissolved under Martial Law in 1972, Puyat had secured his place in history as a politician and a statesman.

EXAMPLE

Gil J. Puyat's political career continues to be the template for performance and the high watermark for excellence in public service.

Informed by a background in business and education, enriched by deep insight and cultivation, and fueled by a rare passion and idealism, Puyat has become a shining example for all Filipinos—no matter what their background, or what their field. His personal story has inspired an entire nation of Filipinos, and charted their entire history.



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WHAT'S INSIDE
Kobe leads US five past Argentina

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SPORTS

Martinez leads tough Italy chess, cops GM result



MARTINEZ

Warriors eye win No. 12; Eagles take on Bulldogs



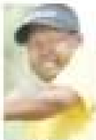
SAN BEDA'S Sam Ekwe scores off a slam dunk.

FIGHT-MARRED MATCH

San Beda gets back at Letran

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Lascuña vaults to 5th after 65; La'O out



LASCUÑA

Koreans spice up PBA preseason mix

Slight fever downs Pacquiao



PACQUIAO

Fernando puts a foot inside RP golf squad



SPORTSWATCH

Fiery Paeng puts away 117th career championship



NEPOMUCENO

Lima stars as Hawklets rip Univ. of Makati dribblers

NCA gears up for first leg of five-stag derby series

90 fights up in 'Showdown' stagfest in San Juan today

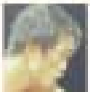
'Super Pacman' stagfest set at Makati Coliseum

Pharex Health PBL's new kid on the block

Marcelo grabs overall lead with 2nd win



St. Francis, PSBA cagers drub foes



Gejon out to nail RP's 4th world title today

Kobe begins Tour with Manila visit



Alcano nips Yang in Guinness pool



St. Scho five, SBC-Alabang dispute lead

Task Force trims SEAG bets to 609



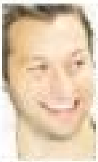
SPORTS

Maria sharp as ever

Sharapova leads march of favorites



Australia drug agency clears swimmer Thorpe



THORPE

Kobe leads US 5 past Argentina



Americans book semis match vs Puerto Ricans

Business

Gov't buys out MRTC for $865M



Deal translates to $380M in savings

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ENTERED INTO a fresh $865-million deal to take over Metro Railway Transit 3's build-lease-transfer contract to trim expenses of the key mass transport system.

Currencies



Shares close 1.35% higher

BSP sees '07 inflation hitting high end of forecast range

Landco swings to profit

Aboitiz transport unit buys ferry firm

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Property firm bracing for US subprime fallout

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₱6.5B in VAT collection went to social services, infra projects

Share to increase to 50% in 2010

Gas issues to be discussed in Paris meet



SCTEx's Clark-Tarlac leg now 95% complete

DOE eyes awarding of Mindoro service contract

OBITUARIES

Our Beloved

VALENTINA "Tinay" R. PROTACIO



has gone back to the Father on Wednesday, August 29, 2007

"Upon those who love, there will be a thousand summers"

JOSEPHINE SAMSON SIMPAO

in peace and grace joined our Lord Father on August 30, 2007 at the age of 53.

Her bereaved family, husband **Atty. Reynaldo R. Simpao**; children **Miguel Lorenzo, Pauline Anne, Amelyn** and **Timothy**; parents **Nemesio S. Samson** (†) and **Amelia V. Samson**; brothers and sisters-in-law, **Anthony** and **Maria, Jonathan** and **Dra. Mila**; relatives and friends join in prayer for her eternal rest in heaven.

Her remains lie in state at St. Paul of the Cross Parish, SSS Village, Marikina City.

Interment will be announced later.



FORTY EIGHTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Eufemia Cruz Ventanilla

ALFREDO E. SANGALANG

"Good Morning" Happy Birthday"

Hon. Victor "VIC" B. C. de Castro

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 14:6

Atty. Dennis Manas Morales

Chapel, The Sanctuarium, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Dra. Lourdes Lopez Ysrael

Message of Thanks

LOUIE PABLO DONATO

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More Classified Ads

Group urges industries to shift operations to 'off-peak' periods

MWC to pay ₱1B in income tax

Water distributor's tax holiday lapses

DA finds new areas for sugarcane production

Pangasinan top bangus producer

SCIENCE HEALTH



Just breathe it!

Pure oxygen, not just fresh air, may be the remedy your body needs

Oxygenize body's plasma

13 medical conditions

Not cheap

Pretty shells can be dangerous

EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua



Helping a victim

Safety rules



Revisiting the pigs

DISCOVER



Research

Making headlines

GT-knockout pigs

Genetic modifications

KIDS' QUIZ

A dose of healing in Casablanca

MEDICAL FILES

Natural healing

Prolonging survival

Placebo

Best form of therapy

Designing a house with a soul



LIVING ARCHITECTURE

Living room

Dining room

Kitchen

Bedroom

Bathroom

Common spaces

Units sell briskly as CrownAsia's Italian enclave nears completion





An encompassing theme

Relaxing within the community

Accessibility

BPO firms express keen interest in staff housing

Dorm-style residences

2 residential towers

New BPO office buildings

Cypress Towers a refreshing change of pace

Life in the metro

Resort-like amenities

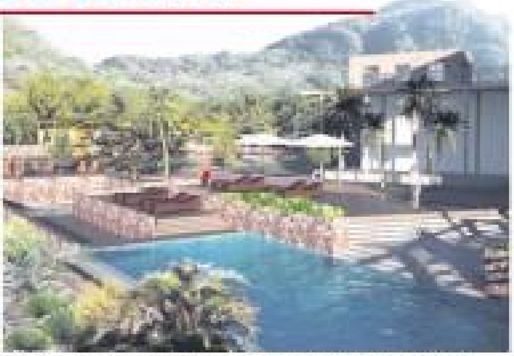
Smorgasbord of developments from Ayala, SM

Price ranges

Property

Editor: Cesar D. Mangawang

Smorgasbord of developments from Ayala, SM



HAMILO Coast is made up of 13 distinct coves that boast fine beaches and sparkling waters along the coast of Nasugbu in Batangas. The Pico de Loro Cove is the first of Hamilo Coast's thirteen coastal developments.

By Tessa R. Salazar

THERE'S NO LET-UP OF projects for Ayala-subsidiary Community Innovations Inc. (CII), SM Development Corp. and SM Investments Corp.

CII is developing a 6-hectare in-city property on Felix Huertas Street, San Lazaro, Manila, which includes a townhouse, condominium and retail infrastructure.

SM Development Corp. is into a new cluster of medium rise towers near SM Bicutan, Taguig, while Hamilo Coast in Nasugbu Batangas, an Eco-Tourism project of SM Investments Corp., will feature 11 condominiums in Pico de Loro Cove (the first of Hamilo Coast's 13 coastal developments).

Leisure community

Celadon Manila is the leisure community from Ayala Land's subsidiaries in uptown Manila. It is surrounded by nearly 20,000 square meters of open spaces which CII claims is the largest in any residential development in Manila. Celadon Manila includes the Celadon Residences (posh Mediterranean-inspired townhouses) and Celadon Park (condominiums with meditation garden and swimming pool, among other amenities).

Ayala Malls' shops at Celadon are in the pipeline, and these include coffee shops, health spas, salons and dining destinations. On the rise is the biggest BPO (business process outsourcing) site in Manila, courtesy of the Ayala Land's Commercial Business Group. Celadon Manila's BPO center will be the first call center site in Manila with retail and leisure amenities open at extended hours.

Cluster of towers

SM Development has launched a cluster of medium-rise towers offering a total of



CELADON Park's two-bedroom living room

500 units at its Chateau Elysee condominium village in Bicutan, Parañaque City.

The new cluster of the French Modern-inspired Chateau Elysee consists of four medium-rise buildings, each offering 125 units. These buildings have a mix of one- and two-bedroom units with gross floor areas of 30 sq m and 60 to 66 sq m, respectively.

Balanced mix

Pico de Loro Cove has a balanced mix of residential districts, leisure amenities and all-century facilities. The Boardwalk within the Hamilo Coast will have a mix of retail stores, food outlets and entertainment venues.

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CELADON Residences' guest room/home office

Super

Seeing green



Angel Aquino comes clean for the planet
by Tais Diaz

The art of saying no
by Katrina A. Holigores

Instant doodles
by James Gabrillo

A global takeover
by Wanggo Gallaga

Breaking into the Oval Office
by Juana R. Manahan

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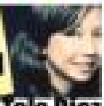
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Our Earth Angel declares a Coal War

Eco-logic Chic

(Or why Angel Aquino is not plastic)

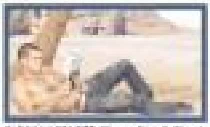


OUT THE WINDOW

Tals Diaz







GLOBAL HOTNESS: Climate-friendly Diesel ad campaign.

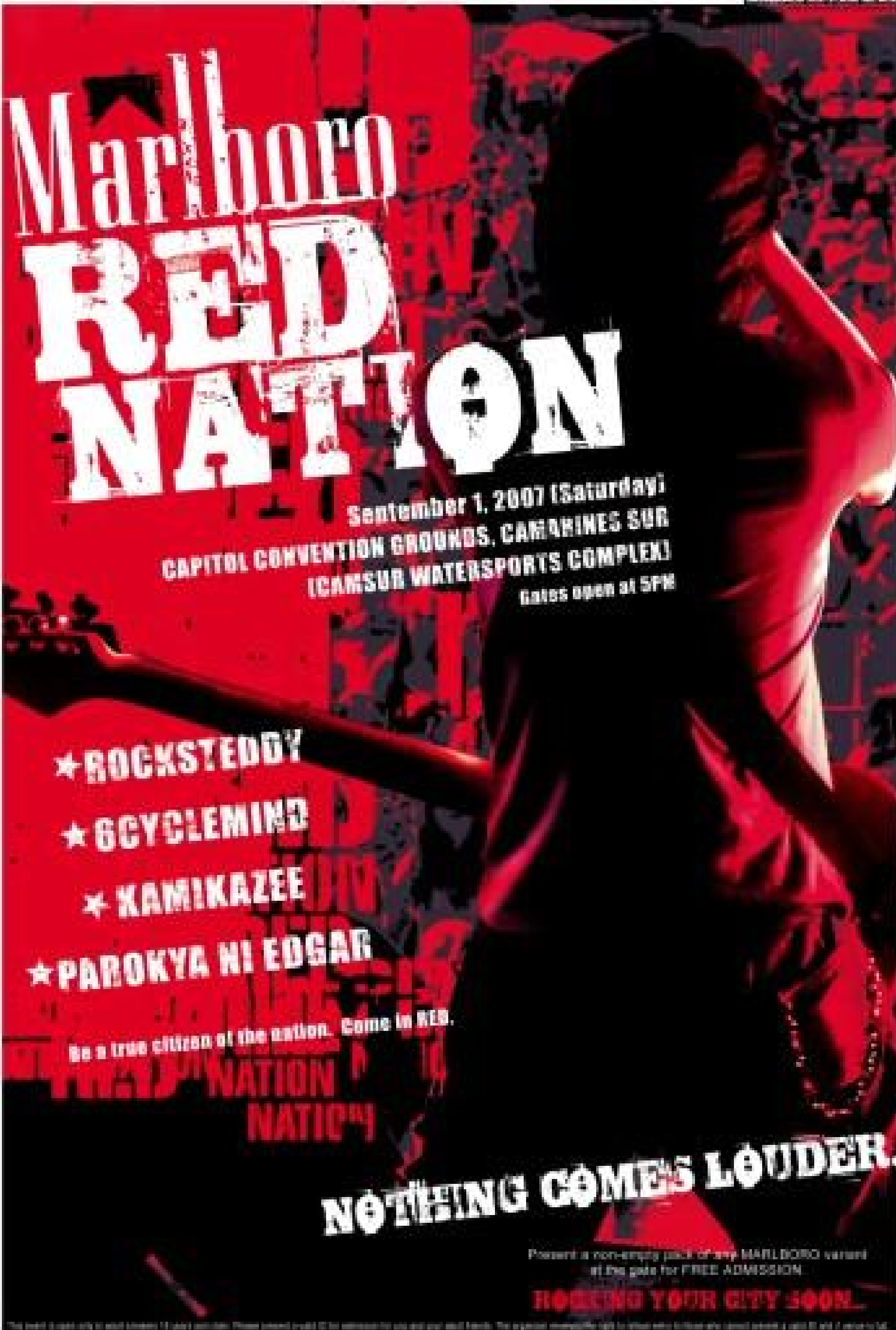
Greenspotting

Al Gore would have been tickled pink, or ... green. It looks like this eco-consciousness is taking over the city with everything from recyclable bags to reusable batteries. Scoping the city this past week, we spotted these planet-friendly earthlings who are doing their part. Pictured here: Motorola Philippines' recycling box for old batteries (Eco Moto!) and Shu Uemura makeup artist-slash-Warehouse 135 femme-bot Joanna Quintas sporting the 'I am not Plastic' canvas bag.









Government Warning:
Cigarette smoking is dangerous
to your health

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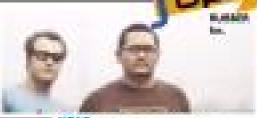
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Super Radar

By Paolo R. Reyes and Janice Cuenca Claro

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Super Answers

CELEBRITIES are constantly bombarded with interviews. This time, Super turns the tables on them and gives them the chance to ask the question—and we want you—yes, you—to give them the answers.

Last week, Dingdong Ocampo wanted to know, "What are the four muscles grouped together and found deeply set and underlying on the back muscle?"

Reggie Geraldez answered, "They are the SITS muscle—the supraspinatus muscle, infraspinatus muscle, teres minor muscle and the subscapularis muscle."

This week, Ashley Miles wants to know, "Is there life on other planets?"

E-mail your answers to super@inquirer.com.ph with the subject heading "super answers." Your Super answer will be printed next week.



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This is how they doodle

In the age of new media and cut-and-paste aesthetics came eight friends who simply doodle

THUNDER ROAD



James Gabrillo

Beginning and end

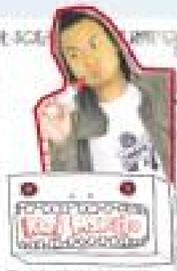


DOODLING THE BANNER. There is no try, only doodle.







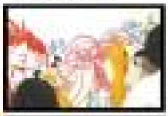




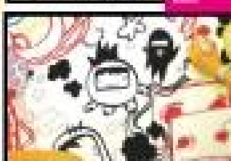




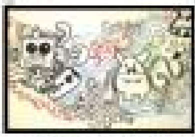






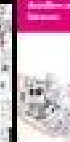







Angela Angeles

















This is how they doodle

Doodle or die

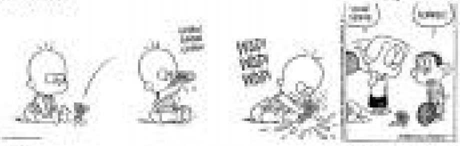
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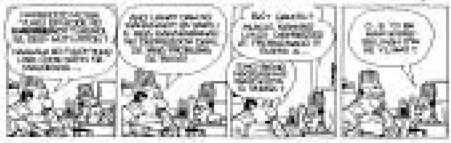
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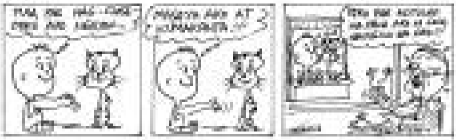
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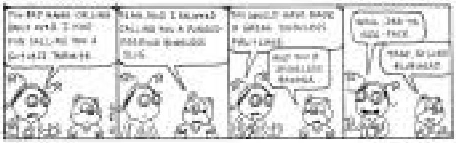
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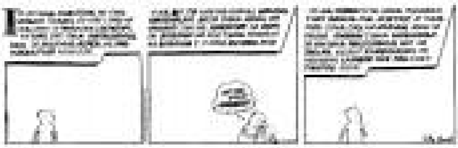
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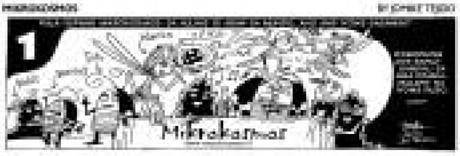
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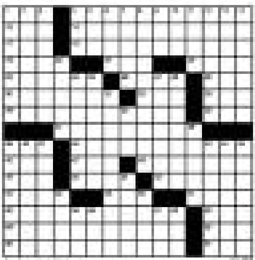
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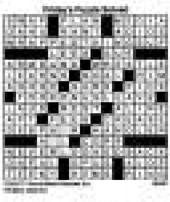


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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

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SUPER FRESH!

Space Invaders

Suite Dreams, Dubya

By [illegible]
Photos by Joseph Pascual

Cool or kitschy, elegant or eccentric, world class to downright weird, the Super team wants to find out your interior motive. Invite us in to showcase an eye-catching sanctuary and we'll be coming to crash at your space



KNEEL TO THE CHIEF: The padded presidential desk is the Oval Office's most popular piece of furniture.

THE FIRST TIME I WALKED into a motel, I was 14 years old. It was an intriguing suite, one that had a round bed and a heart-shaped jacuzzi, with an interesting color scheme and a magical panel of lights that did disco tricks. Even 18 years ago, Victoria Court was already ahead of itself in creating such quirky fantasy rooms.

But before you get ahead of yourself, I was there because Victoria Court was the sponsor for a fashion show I was doing in one of those trendy Malate bars, back when the likes of Adam de Leon and Cecile Zamora were just starting out in the Philippine fashion scene.

I found myself in a room full of models (including a teenage Sarah Meier, right before she burst into the modeling stratosphere), staring in absolute wonderment at this motel room that served as our dressing room for the show.

These days, Victoria Court is moving past its kitschy appeal and is eager to shake off the image of a kinky motel. Of course, one of its most popular rooms is the Jacuzzi Disco suite, which features a round bed, a cage, and red lights. But the newest addition to their private suites aims to be at par with first class standards: the Oval Office, located in their Pasig branch. Barely 3 months old, the suite has already made back most of its million-peso investment.

Upon entering, a gallery of US presidents greet you—George Bush, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton. The "gallery" is, of course, the garage, where customers can maintain their privacy without having to step out into the glaring light of recognition. From there, a plush blue carpet leads you up to the suite.

The Oval Office is probably one of the most well-documented rooms in history, being a place of power and authority. Entering this replica gives one that same feeling—if only for two minutes. Luxurious, overstuffed couches in blue and white stripes and a carved coffee table make up the seating area. The president's desk, copied meticulously to every detail, sits imposingly at the back of the room, overlooking a view of the "White House" lawn.

The leather presidential chair was also copied down to every stitch. The Seal of the President of the United States is made of backlit plexiglass that sits in the middle of the room, while a molded plaster version (which they obviously put a lot of effort into creating) decorates the ceiling. A state-of-the-art flat screen TV with a DVD player is situated above a small fireplace.

While the bookshelves (holding books with the names of all the past US presidents) try to add a touch of class, the effect reminds one of Will Ferrell's character in "Anchorman," when he would say "I have many leather-bound books" to attract the ladies back to his apartment. This detail plays closer to that appeal, rather than the real dignity of the White House.

Having said that, the Oval Office does not feel like a motel room, although the scent of disinfectant does sting the nostrils slightly. The most quirky detail of this room is the Code Red button on the left-hand side of the presidential table, which, when pressed, starts a blinking series of lights and

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Non-hostile takeover

By [illegible]

APPARENTLY, YOU CAN ACtually take over the human race without having to be violent. "The Invasion" offers us a different look at how alien takeovers can be done. After all, we're so used to movies like "Independence Day," "Transformers" and "War of the Worlds" that if there isn't a single explosion big enough to destroy three city blocks of an American city, it's not a real invasion.

"The Invasion" is a remake of earlier films based on the novel by Jack Finney. [illegible]

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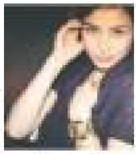
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Crowd control

Superclass featuring DJ Steve Aoki

Aug 8, 2007

Embassy Superclub







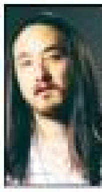




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Whoops!



SUPER SELECTIONS!

In-JEAN-uity



COMING THROUGH: Abraham Lincoln and Bill Clinton greet you as you drive into the discreet garage.

Space Invaders

From page E1

smoky lights, perfect for party mode.

Other impressive details were the antique phones installed in both the office and bedroom. Although these "antique" phones are more from the period of Woodrow Wilson (think brass curly-cue of the 1920s) than George W. Bush's cumbersome call-capable cellphone sans.

The bedroom comes with a king size bed (just comfy), which is standard to all of Victoria Court's super suites. The combined smell of cigarettes and Lysol can be a bit overwhelming in the bedroom. The bathroom, however, has impressive features. A large Jacuzzi sits under four rain shower heads (that's three more rain shower heads than one will find at any Aman resort!). No traces of sordid motel room grime here; the bathrooms smell and sparkle clean.

The Victoria Court managers who toured me around explained their meticulous attention to detail and cleanliness. Due to its popularity the room gets a total and complete general cleaning usually twice a day. Every square inch is scrubbed, especially the most frequently used piece of furniture—the presidential table!

A stay in the Oval Office is no laughing matter. The first five hours come out to P5,000. That's the same price you'd pay to stay overnight at a regular hotel. A 24-hour stay will cost you P13,000, again roughly the same price as checking into a Shangri-La. Only here, privacy is guaranteed with a discreet staff who don't ask for names and credit card guarantees, or require you to sign one after a stay. After all, with Victoria Court's impressive hotel signal system, five-star service is a greater [illegible].



INTERNAL KNOWLEDGE: Leather-bound books add a touch of class.



LIBERAL PARTY: Press the Code Red button and it's party time!



STATE OF AFFAIRS: A state-of-the-art flat screen TV sits atop a mock fireplace.



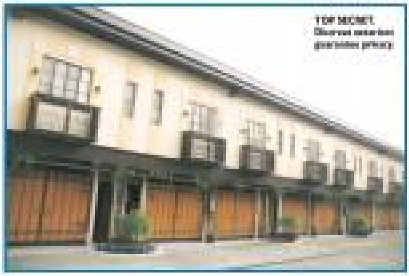
REIGN OF SHOWERS: In the bathroom, a large Jacuzzi sits under four rain shower heads.



SLEEP TIGHT: Bush will feel right at home in this plush bedroom with a king size bed.



LEG ROOM: Luxurious, overstuffed couches in blue and white stripes make up the seating area.



TOP SECRET: Discreet entries guarantee privacy.

SATURDAY Special

Venice festival awaits Lav Diaz and his latest epic



ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Ruben V. Nepales

Official screening

"ENGKANTO" will be screened in the world's oldest filmfest.

Venice festival awaits Lav . . .

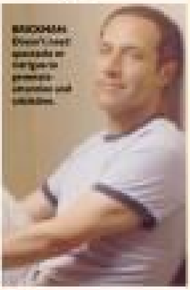
Familiar terrain

Most amazing

Incident

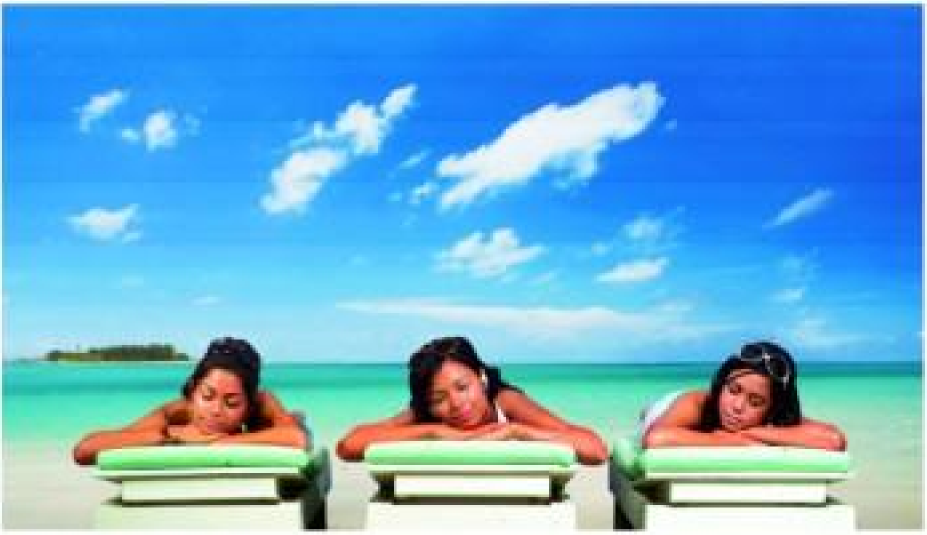
Very rich

Jim Brickman resumes love affair with fans



Single

Versions



NOW SHOWING

Kidman, Cusack slug it out with aliens and the macabre

"The Invasion"

"1408"



KIDMAN (WITH CRAIG, LEFT). Plays a psychiatrist in alien domination thriller.

'The Power to Unite with Elvira' on NBN-4



Guest

When glamorous idol and faithful fan meet



BOBADILLA AND PEREZ. Memorable meeting.

Delightful experience

Classy actress

Gifted youths topbill breakout TV-film productions



By [illegible]

AFTER TV CO-HOST [illegible], it's the turn of another Fil-Am talent named Vanessa—this time surnamed Hudgens—to make it big in Tinseltown. She's playing the female lead in the "High School Musical" TV-film series, and the brightest feather in her cap to date is the second "HSM" TV musical's phenomenal rating. It recently drew 17 million viewers—a record for basic cable TV specials.

No wonder, there's a third "HSM" production in the works, and it's meant for the big screen, for a 2008 release.



HUDGENS: Zooming up Hollywood's star escalator.

Real-life squeeze

Thanks to the musical series' success, young Ms Hudgens is zooming up Hollywood's star escalator—as is her leading man, Zac Efron, who also happens to be her real-life squeeze.

Vanessa may be stardom-bound now, but she's been honing her sharp her skills for a full decade. Born to an American dad, Greg, and Filipino mother, Gina Guangco, Vanessa started performing when she was only 8 years old.

After taking a slew of lessons, she did TV commercials and movies before landing her plum "High School Musical" assignment and releasing her debut album last year.

The young Fil-Am talent is deemed the perfect choice for Hollywood [illegible] these days, because she can look both Asian and Latina.

Fan base

This expands her fan base in a big way and ushers in more performing offers from producers who want to profit from the Asian and Latin American audience sectors that have been mushrooming for the past few years.

Most recently, Vanessa won Female Breakout Artist honors at the Teen Choice Awards—a sign of even better things to come!

So, has all this gone to Vanessa Hudgens' pretty head? Happily not. She's keen on focusing on her career and not on its attendant glitz and scandals, and wants to be a good role model for other teens—No Paris Hilton, she!

Another young talent who's just become a star is heretofore unknown Nikki Blonsky, who plays the [illegible] lead in the film musical, "Hairspray."

The production [illegible] it gives her the big build-up [illegible] which shows Nikki optimistically facing a brand new day.

Fledgling careers

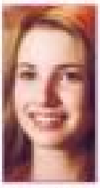
Just like her screen character, Nikki has only good things to look forward to in her fledgling career. She [illegible] and definitely not "fashionably skinny," but her huge musical talent more than makes up for her lack of traditional big-screen pulchritude.

Thanks to "Hairspray" for giving Nikki such a big debut [illegible] that she may have a hard time finding a similarly attention-calling follow-up project.

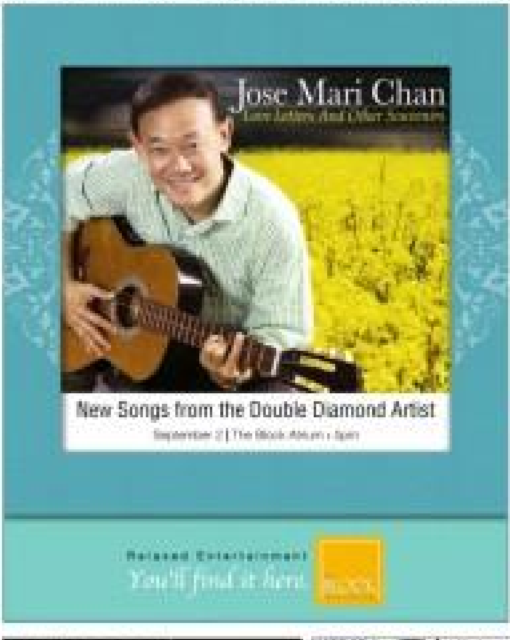
Many overnight sensations have zoomed up like a comet in their launching films, only to fall from cinematic grace in their very next screen appearance. Nikki Blonsky's [illegible] and handlers will have their hands full thinking up ways to avoid such a tragic fate.

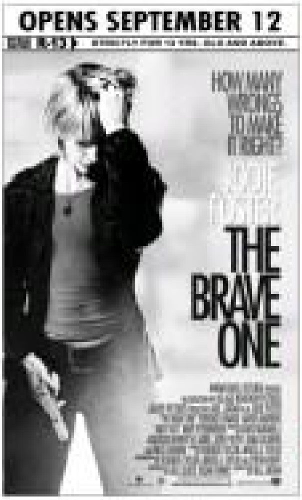
Talented

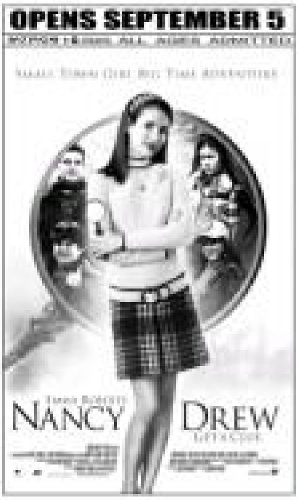
Other talented youths who are getting their big film breaks this season include Emma Roberts in "Nancy Drew," Joseph Gordon-Levitt in "The Lookout," Freddy Rodriguez in "Harsh Times," and [illegible] in "Daywatch." May their stellar careers fly high, far—and long!



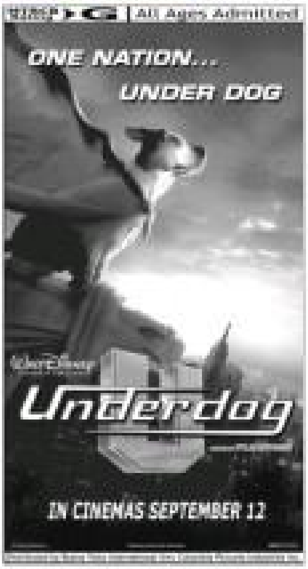
ROBERTS: Gets her big break in "Nancy Drew."











SATURDAY *Special*

Cherry Pie Picache moves up to lead status



PICACHE. Turns in another exceptional performance in "Foster Child."

Characterization

Acutely moving

Realistic portrayal

DIRECTOR'S CUT

Communication is key for Jeffrey Jeturian



JETURIAN. Perfectionist

Burning desire

Swashbuckling heroics buoy up swords-and-sandals epic

Fight scenes



Ancestor

Communication...

Where to Stop Where to Go

A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Devarana Spa features guest Thai therapist



Sushi-Ya



LUSCIOUS FOOD AT THE DECK



CHABACANO FOOD FESTIVAL AT THE BELLEVUE



Waterfront wins in culinary showdown



QUANTUM HOTELS AND RESORTS KEEPS HOUSE FOR TORRE VENEZIA

GlenGas recommended by top chefs



Authentic Hong Kong cuisine at Golden Harbour


THE FIRST Gentleman (right) with son, Mikey.

Dinner at Mickey's

STREET SMART


Mandy Navasero

Favorite dishes

The nature of beauty

LOTUS POND

R. Valencia and S. Bitmark



Features

Two viewing treats for the price of one

ON SEPT. 14 AND 15, THE KAISA PARA SA Kaunlaran Foundation is staging "Kaisa Ka," a glittering and kaleidoscopic musical revue about the Filipino-Chinese experience in the Philippines. The evening and morning show will be performed at Kaisa's own theater in Intramuros.

To make the fundraising event even more significant, Kaisa is offering two viewing treats for the price of one. Theater patrons who arrive an hour or two before the performance may also experience the ... of Kaisa's acclaimed museum on Chinese-Filipino life, free of charge.

Perfect combination

[illegible]

Presentation

[illegible]





ABOVE, "Kaisa Ka" cast members perform the show's ... number. At left, Daphne Chia and Sherwin Sason.

Silent Film Festival...

[illegible]

The Jewel Sisters

[illegible]

Book Fair

[illegible]

At Starmall Edsa

[illegible]

Albums

[illegible]

Movies on TV

[illegible]

Silent Film Festival at Greenbelt 3

MONTAGE

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL SILENT FILM Festival will unreel at 8 p.m. on Sept. 4 at Cinema 2, Greenbelt 3 with German director Lotte Reiniger's 1926 film, "The Adventures of Prince Achmed." On Sept. 13, catch Spanish filmmaker Benito Perojo's 1928 production, "The Sleek Dame." And, on Sept. 13, the festival closes with the Japanese film, "A Mountain Emperor." Call 813-6155 to 58, or visit www.fdcp.org.ph.

Nickelodeon 'invades' Bacolod City

Nick Takes Over Your School "invades" Bacolod City's St. John's Academy on Sept. [illegible] St. John's Institute on Sept. 7. There will be zany ways to have fun with games of slime and goo—from making "splatwiches" in the [illegible] cafeteria and doing the "Tough Nut Run" to making it to the "Best Slimed List."

Aside from prizes and slime, students can look forward to a surprise visit from their favorite Nicktoons. Nickelodeon will also coach students to become helpers and heroes with the Big Help campaign. Log on to nickaplus.com.

Marc Nelson for Kenny Rogers

Marc Nelson puts a premium on health and wellness, so he insists that the food he eats should be tasty and nutritious. His perfect dishes that are roasted and grilled rather than fried, like Kenny Rogers' Roast Chicken with a serving of corn and carrots—his favorite!



NELSON: Health and wellness buff.

Marc also dotes on the Roast Chicken Sandwich, which he avails of at any of Kenny Rogers' 56 branches, or by calling 533-8888 for delivery. He shares, "Kenny Rogers offers the convenience of a fast food, but it has delectable fare that's both affordable and nutritious."

Candle design competition

Dee's Candles marks its 10th anniversary this year with "Ramble Me, Ramble Me," a competition involving designs in any medium that can be translated by wax in three categories—Pillar Lantern, Stationery Candle and Pillar Candle. Over P100,000 in prize money and products await winners. Call 531-8131, or log on to www.deescandles.com.

Elodie Parmazor

The Music School of Ryan Cayabyab's [illegible] invites you to a seminar workshop with international musical theater personality Elodie Parmazor, on Sept. 8, with two time slots to choose from: 1-4 p.m. or 5-8 p.m.

Titled "The Singing Body," the seminar delves into how a singer can be comfortable in his body and more welcome, thereby making his performance rich. The Music School also offers courses in guitar, drums, tap dance, jazz dance and piping, aside from voice and piano.

Extraordinary women on 'Oprah'

On Hallmark, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" highlights some extraordinary women's inspiring stories: Sept. 9 at 8 p.m., Oprah talks to singers Mary J. Blige, Corinne Bailey Rae and Carly Simon. Sept. 16, guests include Annette Bening.

Sept. 22 at 3 p.m., Sarah Jessica Parker and Victoria Hagan talk fashion and home design. At 8 p.m., Oprah features "amazing" women Chelsea Connell, Goma Davis and Nora Ephron. Sept. 30, the focus is on "Hairspray" stars Michelle Pfeiffer, Nikki Blonsky and Queen Latifah.

On MGM Channel

This month, watch out for these movie treats: Sept. 8 at 9 p.m., "Poltergeist 2: The Other Side." Sept. 11 at 9 p.m., "State of Grace." Sept. 14 at 9 p.m., "Married to the Mob," with Michelle Pfeiffer, Matthew Modine and Dean Stockwell. Sept. 15 at 9 p.m., "Blown Away," with Jeff Bridges and Tommy Lee Jones. And Sept. 16 at 9 p.m., "Desperate Hours," with Mickey Rourke, Mimi Rogers, Kelly Lynch and Anthony Hopkins.

Soundtrack

"Transformers—The Album" contains the hit film's soundtrack, a groovy lineup of current modern rock and hard rock bands, led by Linkin Park and its new single, "What I've Done." Other rock hits are from the Smashing Pumpkins, The Used, Disturbed and Mute Math.

Dance album

"Bird in the Mix" is the No. 1 dance album on Music One. Subtitled "The Denise Moderno Remixes," the album's first single is "I Didn't Know I was Looking For Love."

'As You Like It'

Jose Estrella directs the latest staging of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It," Dulaang UP's second offering for its 32nd season, starting today until Sept. 23 at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater, UP Diliman, Quezon City. The play will run alternately with its Filipino version, "Paano Man Ang Ibig Nyo," using Rolando Tinio's translation. Call Jo Anne Quirez at 926-1349 or 981-8500 loc. 2449.

Bituin Escalante's 'Ur Luv Thang'

Grab your copy of acclaimed singer-actress Bituin Escalante's latest album, "Ur Luv Thang," a solid, 12-song blend of diverse musical tastes. Choice tracks include "Let Go," "Each Time We Say Goodbye," "Inconsiderate" and "Moves Ka Bad."

On National Geographic Channel

Sept. 5 at 10 p.m., "Situation Critical: Hollywood Shootout" looks back to 1997, when two notorious criminals rob a Hollywood bank and become drawn into a protracted and violent shootout with cops.

Sept. 6 at 11 p.m., "I Didn't Know That" reveals the secrets of running a supermarket.

Sept. 15 at 9 p.m., "Megamovers: Deep Sea Drillers" focuses on a $2 billion operation to complete a 1,000-square-mile gas network.

On DVD

The hit film, "300," is available in four video configurations: a two-disc DVD with bonuses, another in a steel case, a third with an artbook, and a one-disc VCD.

"Ask the Dust," starring Colin Farrell, Salma Hayek and Donald Sutherland, is a "hot-blooded" love story involving two

MONTE G6



DEE'S Candles are designed by Dr. Marichu Caramonan.

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The Block Party

There's no doubt about it - SM The Block has brought new life to SM North Edsa. It's not just home to a number of new shops, it is also a great place for great palate adventures – whether you're in the mood for big meals, Asian goodies, sinful desserts or coffee.

Around the World in 7 Plates

By Paula R. Reyes
Photos by Augusto dela Cruz

A MULTI-CULTURAL plate of dining experiences converge at The Block, where the super-sized offerings of the West meet with the savory delights of the East.

Gumbo



SEAFOOD Gumbo



SEAFOOD Jambalaya

Hurricane Katrina may have wreaked havoc on the Crescent City of the American South, but New Orleans cuisine is alive and kicking in Gumbo—a family-style bistro that serves authentic Cajun and Creole dishes.

Surrounded by leather-upholstered furniture and antique fixtures, as the sweet sound of jazz wafts in the background, it's easy to imagine yourself in a sidewalk café of the French Quarter, as you feast on house favorites such as the Jambalaya [illegible] and the Seafood Gumbo [illegible] seafood, chicken, and rice.

You might hear the occasional "Ah! Jambalaya!" cry [illegible] from within the kitchen doors, but don't get worried out. New Orleans tradition dictates that one must signal the serving of the Jambalaya with a chant.

Napoli



Napoli, the bustling capital of Southern Italy, is widely regarded to be the birthplace of the pizza (the Pizza Margherita to be specific, a dish made in honor of Queen Margherita in 1889). Neapolitan food also formed the basis for what is now known as Italian-American cuisine.

Napoli Pizzeria & Ristorante, however, is all about New York City—as their graphic, urban-inspired interiors suggest. Since opening their first outlet in the Big Apple, the proprietors have brought their New York-style pizzeria to Manila, first in Tomas Morato and now at The Block. Aside from their large pizza servings (try their bestselling White Pizza), they also serve a mean Meatball Pasta, which goes well their wide assortment of hero sandwiches.



THE NEW York-inspired interiors of the pizzeria

Burgoo



[illegible]



[illegible]

[illegible]



Mexicali



CHEESE and Garlic Quesadilla



MEXICALI Nachos



GROUND Beef Burrito

Already a household name to most mall-going Pinoys, Mexicali has lured burrito lovers and nacho addicts since they opened their first Makati branch in the early 1990s. Now with [illegible] under their belt, Mexicali continues to deliver mouthwatering Mexican delights that are easy on the wallet, but wonderfully heavy on the stomach. Like the food, the restaurant's interiors are decidedly colorful, with eye-catching splashes of red, yellow, and green here and there.

You can start with the Mexicali Nachos and the Cheese and Garlic Quesadilla before moving to the burritos or enchiladas [illegible] with salsa [illegible] stuffed with your choice of chicken or beef. Surprisingly, they also have a vegetarian menu [illegible] which should definitely appease PETA and other meat-loathing types.

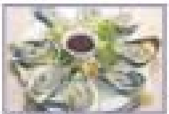
Café Via Mare



CRISPY Binagoongan



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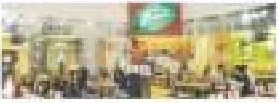


OYSTERS [illegible]

In 1998, [illegible] seafood specialty restaurant, Via Mare, added another feather to its [illegible] cap by opening their own baby, Café Via Mare. The dining concept has been touted as a pioneering attempt at creating a truly Filipino café for the middle-income market.

Maintaining its own kitchen, Café Via Mare [illegible] the hearts of Filipino mallgoers with such comfort food favorites as [illegible] and dinuguan. They also serve a variety of baked oysters and [illegible] native treats such as Bicol Bibingka, Guinataang [illegible], and Crunchy [illegible]. This [illegible] surely disappoints.

Aristocrat



They may have started out as a simple snack outlet in 1936, but Aristocrat has grown into one of the most successful Filipino restaurant chains. Their landmark Roxas Boulevard branch, which still stands today, introduced the public to their famous Chicken Barbecue.

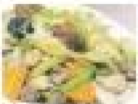
Naturally, their décor revolves around a native motif, while the menu showcases the best of Filipino cooking through such traditional fare as [illegible], crispy pata, kare-kare, [illegible] and [illegible]. Their honey-cured chicken, a house specialty, has been a favorite for generations. New recipes have also been introduced to the menu to satisfy the discriminating tastes of modern Pinoy diners.



KARE KARE



CHICKEN Barbecue



MIXED Chopsuey

Tender Bob's

[illegible]



STEAKS take centerstage in Tender Bob's



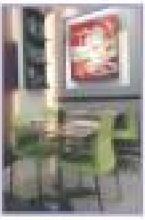
BABY Back Ribs



[illegible]



[illegible]





BEEF Salad



TOM YUM



PRAWNS with Pineapple Curry



SPRING Rolls



FISH Cake

Jatujak

The scene: Chef Supawadee Laoghirattan whips up authentic Thai dishes that will transport your tastebuds to Thailand. **Best-sellers:** Pad Thai, Chicken Pandan, Bagoong Rice, Thai Iced Tea, Fresh Vegetarian Spring Rolls **Must-try:** Beef Salad, Fish Cake, Prawns with Pineapple Curry, Tom Yum, Crispy Catfish Salad **Operating hours:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.



An Asian tour for your palate

By Pam Pastor

From Nasi Goreng and Pad Thai to Kani Salad and Hainnnese Chicken, SM The Block has enough restaurants to satisfy your Asian food cravings. Get a taste of Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Thailand and China—no plane ticket required

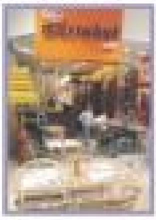




MEE Goreng



SATAY Ayam (chicken sate)



Martabak

The scene: Run by the people behind Malabon (these kiosks that sell all kinds of Indonesian snacks), Martabak serves authentic Indonesian cuisine adjusted just a tad to suit the Pinoy palate. Owner Linda Magpayo, who lived in Indonesia for six years, said, "All our ingredients are flown in from Indonesia—even our flour, our tea, our coffee beans."

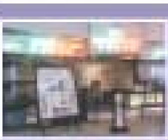
Best-sellers: Gado Gado (vegetable salad in peanut sauce), Beef Rendang (which Linda calls the "Indonesian kaldereta"), [illegible] Prawns in Sambal Sauce and the Martabak (their version of bibingka) [illegible] **Must-try:** Nasi Goreng (fried rice), Mee Goreng (fried noodles) and Satay Ayam (chicken sate) **Operating hours:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.



GADO Gado



MARTABAK



Healthy Shabu Shabu

The scene: Hot pot goodness, fresh ingredients, healthy and filling meals. **Best-sellers:** The best vegetable and seafood sets **Must-try:** Angus Prime [illegible] **Operating hours:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.



SEAFOOD set



MEAT set



JAPANESE Hotcakes



VEGETABLE set

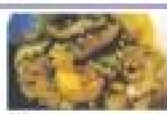


Teriyaki Boy

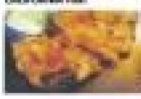
The scene: Japanese food served quick, fresh and hot in a casual and relaxed setting. Their Teriyaki Boy Chicken, which is boneless and flavorful, is a big hit. **Best-sellers:** Kani Salad, California Maki, Teriyaki Boy Chicken, Tofu Steak **Must-try:** Gyu Salmon Steak, Pork Samurai, Yaki Soba **Operating hours:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.



CALIFORNIA Maki



TOFU Steak



TERIYAKI Boy Chicken





SPAGHETTI with Thai Green Chili Paste



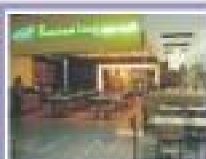
HAINANESE Chicken Rice



PINANG Spicy Prawns

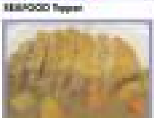
Banana Leaf Asian Curry

The scene: Whether you're a fan of spicy or not, Banana Leaf Asian Curry serves Asian specials that are a delight for food lovers. **Best-sellers:** Hainanese Chicken Set Meal, Pinang Spicy Prawns, Spaghetti with Thai Green Chili Paste **Must-try:** Roti Canai with a side order of curry sauce, Thai Fried Pandan Chicken, Sago Pudding **Operating hours:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

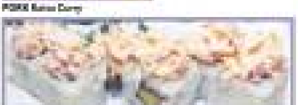




SEAFOOD Teppan



PORK Katsu Curry

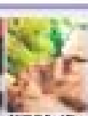


KANI Salad Maki

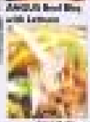
Kimono Ken

The scene: Kimono Ken takes pride in serving good Japanese food for less. Supervisor Eileen Vasquez and Chef Nick dela Cruz talked about their Pork Katsu Curry and their Tempura proudly—and for good reason. They'll have people coming back for more. **Best-sellers:** Chicken Teriyaki Salad, Seafood Teppan, Mixed Tempura, Yaki Soba. **Must-try:** Chef [illegible] Kani Salad Maki **Operating hours:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

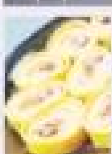




ANGUS Beef Bbq with Lettuce



CHAP Chae



[illegible]

Chosun

The scene: Korean invasion is another item—great food. **Best-sellers:** Chap Chae (mixed vegetables with glass noodles), [illegible] **Must-try:** Angus Beef Bbq with Lettuce **Operating hours:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Flavours of China

The scene: Noodles or rice, dim sum or soup, Flavours of China offers Chinese favorites without putting a dent in your pocket. **Best-sellers:** Stir-fried Beef Broccoli Flower in Oyster Sauce, [illegible], Yangzhou Seafood Fried Rice **Must-try:** Asparagus with Scallops in XO Sauce, Crispy Hainanese Fried Chicken. **Operating hours:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.



STIR-fried Beef Broccoli Flower in Oyster Sauce



CRISPY Hainanese Fried Chicken




BRIGHTLY lit BreadTalk


FROSTED chocolate delights


FLUFFY favorite


RED Bean Toast


ENDLESS bread options

BreadTalk

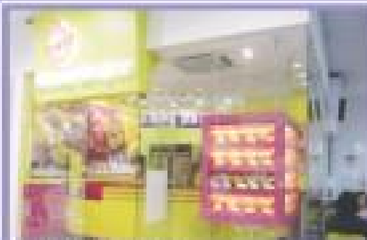
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FRESHLY baked goodies

Getting your Just Desserts

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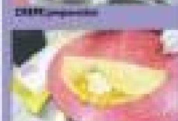
A good meal is never complete without something sweet to cap it off. At The Block, dessert is serious business and a wide array of sweet everythings are available from sun up to sun down. From fluffy battered crepes filled with ice cream and fresh fruits, donuts in a variety of flavors, sweet and savory bread delights and rich, dark chocolate cakes, the choices are endless. Young and old alike, flying solo or with family, there is something sweet and special to dig into or take home to friends and loved ones at The Block.


THE COLORFUL Crazy Crepes storefront

Crazy Crepes

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CREPE preparation


FINAL touches on the Mango Crumble


BANANA Rocky Road


FRESH fruits are combined with whipped cream.


AN ARRAY of donut delights

Go Nuts Donuts

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GO NUTS Donuts has indoor and outdoor seating.

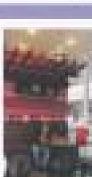

FRESH icy smoothies


MOUTHWATERING cupcakes


CIRCULAR donuts on the ceiling

Chocolat

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COZY Chocolat interiors


CHOCOLAT is a haven for deep dark chocolate devotees.


DELICIOUS hot chocolate and a premium chocolate milkshake

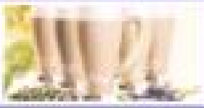

SUGARFREE and low calorie White Chocolate Mousse


CHOCOLATE Caramel Cake


DEATH by Tablea







The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf







Dark Roasts and Light Blends

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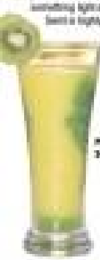
A COFFEE experience not to be forgotten is what one can expect at The Block. Each establishment offers coffee creations coming from different countries or have their own house blend for coffee lovers to try. Sitting back in a cozy lounge chair enjoying a hot freshly brewed special or opting for an ice cold java treat is something to look forward to for the busy professional or just for a relaxing way to spend the afternoon.


READY to serve

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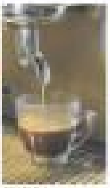

SEAFOOD Curry Rice




MANGO Kiwi Swirl

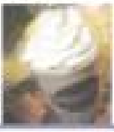

FRUIT French Toast


A BUSY day at Seattle's Best


SINGLE shot espresso

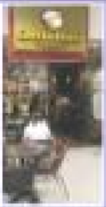
Seattle's Best Coffee


A FAVORITE roast


ICE COLD Coffee Jelly

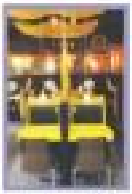


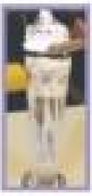
Gloria Jean's Coffee



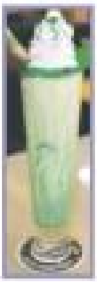


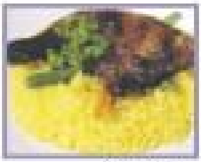






Chalkofi Xpresso




DUTCH Chicken

